

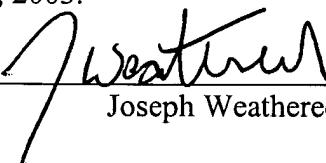


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of June 23, 2003, applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following observations and arguments.